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TAGS: ENRG, CA  
SUBJECT: KITIMAT OIL PIPELINE

REF: VANCOUVER 1120

1. REFERRING TO WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY SUSPENSION AND PLANS BY KITIMAT PIPE LINE (KPL) TO REACTIVATE ITS APPLICATION TO THE NEB, FEDERAL JUSTICE MINISTER BASFORD TOLD REPORTERS IN VANCOUVER ON NOVEMBER 13 THAT KPL SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED "TO MANIPULATE THE CANADIAN PROCESSES" OF INVESTIGATING OIL PORTS AND PIPELINE ROUTES. HE SAID HE "WANTS NO END RUNS" AROUND THE GOVERNMENT AND "WE SHOULD NOT GET EXCITED UNTIL THEIR (KPL) BONA FIDES ARE SHOWN." BASFORD ADDED THAT HE HAS ALWAYS ASSUMED IT WAS IN CANADA'S INTEREST TO HELP THE U.S., BUT "I DON T THINK FURTHER EXTENSIVE HEARINGS SHOULD CONTINUE AT THIS TIME." IN HIS OPINION, FURTHER STUDY SHOULD BE TAKEN AFTER THE NEB HAS DECIDED IT IS IN CANADA'S INTEREST TO MOVE ALASKAN OIL THROUGH CANADA AND ONLY THEN SHOULD THE GOC BEGIN TO DECIDE ON THE ROUTE.

2. BASFORD'S VIEWS WERE REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED BY ENVIRONMENT MINISTER MARCHAND AND MINISTER CAMPAGNOLA WHO WERE ALSO IN VANCOUVER OVER THE WEEKEND FOR THE B.C. LIBERAL PARTY CONVENTION.  
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